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POLITICAL

ZIONIST LEADERS RELEASED FROM CZECHOSLOVAK PRISON -- Tel Aviv, 'Al Hamishmar, 12 Jul 60

The following Zionist leaders have been released from prison in Prague: Ernst Varna, a former leader of the [extreme leftist pro-Soviet] Zionist youth movement; Mrs Brazeinitseva, a former official of the Palestine Office in Bratislava; Mordekhai Stern, a former leader of the religious labor Zionist organization and a former activist of the Jewish National Fund; and Adolf Reich, a former activist of the Jewish National Fund.

Mordekhai Oren said that the release of the four Zionist prisoners was partly due to his efforts and that he will continue his efforts on behalf of five other Zionists who were arrested together with him and the four.

ECONOMIC

MOSCOW-STOCKHOLM TRUCK ROUTE TO BE ESTABLISHED -- Munich, Deutsche Woche, 20 Jul 60

Representatives of the Swedish Truck Transport Association and Soviet authorities in Moscow recently discussed the establishment of a regular truck route between Stockholm and Moscow via the Stockholm-Turku ferry and Leningrad.

NEW NATURAL GAS DEPOSITS IN USSR

Four new gas fields were discovered in the RSFSR in June 1960, and three more gas wells have been brought in since January 1960 at a site discovered in Turkmenistan in May 1959. Three gas fields were discovered during June 1960 east of the Volga in Saratovskaya Oblast: the Lugovskiy

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field lies on a new tectonic line parallel with the Steptoye and Furmanovo fields which went on stream in 1959; the other two are the Vostochno Suslovskiy and Dmitrovskiy fields. The test well at the Dmitrovskiy field flowed 1.5 million cubic meters of gas per day. (Moscow, Ekonomicheskaya Gazeta, 30 Jun 60)

A new gas field was discovered near the village of Borisovo, in the Krapivino area. The well, with a pressure of 28-30 atmospheres, was brought in from a depth of 420 meters. The new field is located 70 kilometers from Kemerovo, in southwestern Siberia. (Kiev, Pravda Ukrainy, 23 Jun 60)

Three more gas wells produced in 1960 near the village of Darzava, in the Kara Kum desert of Turkmenistan, where gas was discovered in May 1959. There is some discussion about building a gas line through Bukhara toward the Urals from Darvaza, instead of from Gazli, Uzbekistan. The new route would be 300 kilometers shorter. (Moscow, Trud, 25 May 60)

SOCIOLOGICAL

NORTH SUMATRA CULTURAL PUBLICATION -- Medan, Arah, Apr 60

The following is an FDD comment.

FDD has just received its first copy of a "cultural monthly" entitled Arah, issued by the publications department of the North Sumatra Lekra (People's Cultural Institute). According to an announcement signed by Banda Harahap, secretary-general of the North Sumatra Lekra, and published in the April 1960 Arah, this department was set up on 10 April 1960 specifically to take over Arah's publication. It is directly under the supervision of the regional Lekra secretariat and is chaired by Banda Harahap. Deputy chairman and secretary is Sj Tandjung; treasurer, Bachtiar Effendi; and Arah administration, Sjarif Tarigan.

The April 1960 copy of Arah is numbered Volume II, No 3, so presumably it began publication in early 1959. Its editorial board includes Banda Harahap, Sempit Ginting, and Zubir aa. It lists the following correspondents: Master of Laws Suhunan Hamzah, Aziz Akbar, and Bachtiar Siagian in Djakarta, Agam Wispi in Djakarta, and Bakri Siregar in Peiping. Its contents are a mixture of stories, poems, articles, and book reviews by Indonesian, Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese authors. All contain a great amount of Communist propaganda.

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This copy of Arah was eight pages long and was well printed on relatively good paper, indicating a considerable expenditure of effort and money. Since Harahap's announcement referred to above also included an order to all Lekra members to contribute at least 5 rupiahs to Arah and to persuade sympathizers to do likewise, it may be that the publication is already faced with financial difficulties.

MILITARY

EAST GERMAN ALERT POLICE OFFICERS DECORATED -- Berlin, Der Kampf, 1 Jul 60

CPYRGHT Twenty-five officers of the Alert Police and one noncommissioned officer received the Honorary Emblem of the People's Police (Ehrenzeichen der Deutschen Volkspolizei) in observance of the 15th anniversary of the People's Police. The decoration was awarded "for exemplary performance of duty." The officers include four lieutenant colonels and four majors.

Also, 25 officers of the Alert Police, one noncommissioned officer, and two civilian employees received the Medal for Faithful Services (Medaille fuer treue Dienste), first grade, which was awarded on the same occasion to personnel having served in the force for 15 years. This group includes one colonel, 7 lieutenant colonels, and 4 majors.

[Comment: Source lists those receiving these decorations and gives pictures of both medals.]

HUNGARIAN ARMY FIELD MANEUVERS -- Budapest, Magyar Ifjusag, 25 Jun 60

The following is an FDD comment.

A photograph in source shows soldiers on field maneuvers working with what appears to be an 82mm mortar with an M41 mortar tube, but with the bipod stand of the M37 mortar. Another photograph shows engineers preparing a bridgehead at the water's edge. The article identifies the men as soldiers and engineers but does not identify the location or units involved.

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SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL

SOVIET PATENT NOTES LIME SCARCITY -- Moscow, Byulleten' Izobreteniy,
No 10, 1960, p 80

CPYRGHT

A Certificate of Authorship (patent) awarded to A. I. Baklagin, V. F. Polozov, and N. F. Soboleva for a method of neutralizing the hydrolyzates of hydrolysis plants reads as follows: "Method of neutralizing hydrolyzates of hydrolysis plants and sulfitecellulose plant liquors, distinguished by the fact that shale ash is used as neutralizing reagent to expand the raw material base and replace scarce lime."

The patent is listed under Class 89 (Sugar and Starch Production), as No 128807 (Application 631170/23, dated 15 June 1959).

[Comment: To FDD's knowledge, there has thus far been no mention in the press of lime as a scarce material in any other branch of USSR industry.]

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